GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMODITY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three days International Conference on Reproductive Health Commodity Crisis was held at Kochi recently;

(b) if so, the subject discussed at the Conference;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the measures proposed to improve the Health care?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) : Yes, Sir. An International Conference was held at Kochi from June 12-14 June, 2001.

(b) : The role of collaboration among countries of the South in improving the availability and affordability of essential health commodities was the theme of Conference. Essential Health commodities have been defined as only those which meet priority health needs of a significant proportion of population and are safe, effective and of high quality.

(c) : The Govt. is a signatory to the declaration and would take necessary action as deemed appropriate keeping in view our national interests.

(d) : The Govt. is committed to improving the Health of population through a holistic system of care combining promotive, preventive and curative care. Towards this end, the Govt. is supporting the primary health care infrastructure in the states. It has drawn up and is implementing focused national programmes on family welfare including that of reproductive and child health, communicable diseases such as HIV, AIDS, leprosy, Tuberculosis, Blindness, Malaria, Kala-azar etc. and non communicable diseases such as Cancer, Mental health etc. It is also sponsoring projects with World Bank assistance in some states aimed at improving Health Systems upto secondary levels. The Govt. of India also, provides technical guidance, research, standards and policy advice to the states for the betterment of the health care provided by them to the public, especially poor people.